

FACTS ABOUT**Local-Haul Exemptions***Heavy-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Regulation*

The Heavy-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Regulation (or Tractor-Trailer GHG Regulation), approved by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), was developed to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced by certain heavy-duty tractors and trailers that operate on California highways. The regulation requires the use of US EPA SmartWay verified aerodynamic equipment and low rolling resistance tires, which will provide fuel efficiency improvements for these vehicles. The regulation also provides a partial exemption for certain tractor-trailers that drive relatively short distances, as explained in this document.

Who must comply with the regulation?

This regulation affects all 53-foot or longer box-type trailers (affected trailers), including dry vans and refrigerated vans, that operate in California, no matter where they are domiciled, and the heavy-duty tractors that pull them (affected tractors).

What are the requirements to qualify for the local-haul tractor exemption?

A local-haul tractor is an affected tractor that operates exclusively within a 100-mile radius of where it is garaged or from where it is routinely dispatched (referred to as the “local-haul base” in the regulation). It must be registered with ARB to receive the exemption.

What does the local-haul tractor exemption offer?

A registered local-haul tractor is exempt from the aerodynamic requirements of this regulation, but not from the low rolling resistance tire requirements. What this means is:

- Newer sleeper cab tractors (2011 model year and newer) used exclusively for local-haul purposes are exempt from being SmartWay certified, but must use SmartWay verified low rolling resistance tires.
- Since pre-2011 model year sleeper cabs and all model-year day cabs must still comply with the tire requirements of this regulation, there is no need to register them for an exemption, with one exception:
 - A tractor used ONLY for local-haul purposes may register for the exemption so that any trailer it pulls within the local-haul radius will automatically be exempt from the aerodynamic requirements, without having to register that trailer.

What are the requirements to qualify for a local-haul trailer exemption?

A local-haul trailer is an affected trailer that only travels within a 100-mile radius of where it is usually kept when not in use. It must be registered with ARB for the exemption.

What does the local-haul trailer exemption offer?

A registered local-haul trailer is exempt from the aerodynamic requirements of this regulation but not from the tire requirements. If a trailer will sometimes be pulled by a non-exempt tractor, but the trailer itself will not travel outside the 100 mile radius, the trailer should be registered with ARB to receive this exemption.

When would I not want to register my trailer for the local-haul exemption?

If a trailer is used exclusively within a 100-mile radius and it is only going to be pulled by an exempt tractor registered with ARB, then the trailer itself does not need to be registered to be exempt from the aerodynamic requirements of this regulation.

How do I register my local-haul tractor or local-haul trailer for the exemption?

ARB provides an on-line database called TRUCRS (Truck Regulation Upload Compliance and Reporting System) through which you can register for the local-haul exemption. The database is available through ARB’s website at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/reporting.htm.

When do I register my tractor or trailer for the local-haul exemption?

If you want to receive a local-haul exemption for your tractor or trailer and avoid being in violation of this regulation, you must register for the exemption with ARB. The following registration time frames should be considered:

- 2011 and newer model year tractors and trailers that would be affected by this regulation and want to receive a local-haul exemption must be registered for the exemption before operating them on a California highway.
- Pre-2011 model year tractors that want the exemption should be registered by:
 - January 1, 2012, or
 - Prior to whenever they decide to designate the tractor for exclusively local haul purposes (if after January 1, 2012)
- Pre-2011 model year trailers that want the exemption should register either by:
 - January 1, 2013 (if not participating in an optional compliance phase-in) or
 - July 1, 2010 if selecting the optional compliance phase-in for large fleets or
 - July 1, 2012 if selecting the optional compliance phase-in for small fleets, or
 - Whenever a trailer changes ownership (including leased trailers) or is brought into California for local-haul purposes, and the new owner/lessee wants to use it exclusively for local-haul

How long will the local-haul exemption be in effect?

The local-haul exemption will remain in effect as long as the tractor or trailer operates within the 100-mile radius, or until the owner removes it from the local-haul exempt database.

In general, what information must I provide to register my tractor or trailer?

To register for a local-haul exemption, the owner or person leasing the tractor or trailer must provide ARB with owner contact information, fleet information, local-haul base information, and a signed agreement. The specific information that must be provided is available in the regulation.

For More Information

Please contact ARB's diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735) or visit our website at www.arb.ca.gov/cc/hdghg/hdghg.htm

To obtain this document in an alternative format or language please contact the ARB's Helpline at (800) 242-4450 or at helpline@arb.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/ Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.